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1. REFERENCE IN REFTEL A TO "UN BUDGET RESOLUTION" CONCERNS ACTION BY UNGA TO APPORTION UN EXPENSES AMONG MEMBER STATES ACCORDING TO A SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1977, SCALE NORMALLY HAS APPLIED FOR 3-YEAR PERIOD, BUT AT 31ST UNGA, THIS WAS SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED BY OPEC-LED BLOCS OF LDCS. OPEC MEMBERS TABLED DRAFT RESOLUTION IN UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE REJECTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR NEW ASSESSMENT SCALE FOR 1977-79. NEPAL SUBSEQUENTLY TABLED DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD REDUCE MINIMUM RATE OF ASSESS-MENT FROM 0.02 TO 0.01 PERCENT; AFGHANISTAN LATER JOINED AS COSPONSOR TO NEPALESE DRAFT. CANADA, AS FLOOR MANAGER FOR WEO GROUP ON ASSESSMENT QUESTION IN UNGA FIFTH COMMITTEE, TABLED AMENDMENT TO NEPAL/AFGHANISTAN DRAFT WHICH, WHILE RETAINING REDUCTION IN FLOOR ASSESSMENT, CHECKMATED OPEC-LED EFFORT. CANADIAN AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 50(US, WEO, EE)-33(AFGHANISTAN, OPEC, AND OTHER ARABS)-39(PRIMARILY LDCS). NEPAL/AFGHAN DRAFT RESO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LUTION, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE 74(US)-0-47. SINCE VOTE WAS NOT RECORDED, WE DO NOT KNOWN HOW AFGHANISTAN VOTED.

2. ABOVE DRAFT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY UNGA PLENARY ON DECEMBER 14 BY VOTE OF 122 (US/AFGHANISTAN)-0-4(PHILIPPINES, POLAND, SINGAPORE, AND THAILAND) AS PART A OF A/RES/31/95.

PART PLAYED BY AFGHANISTAN DEL IN THIS QUESTION WAS LITTLE MORE THAN PUTTING ITS NAME TO NEPALESE DRAFT. AFGHANS NEITHER LOBBIED PRIVATELY FOR THEIR DRAFT NOR TOOK ACTIVE PART IN COMMITTEE DISCUSSION. USDEL, ON CONTRARY, WAS ACTIVE IN QUESTION THROUGHOUT ITS CONSIDERATION AND WAS A MAJOR PARTICIPANT IN HAMMERING OUT A/RES/31/95 AS ADOPTED, PART B OF WHICH WAS MOST CONTENTIOUS AND RESULTED FROM A COMPROMISE BETWEEN TWO CONTENDING GROUPS--WEO/EE ON ONE HAND, AND OPEC/ARABS ON OTHER.

3. TEXT OF A/RES/31/95 BEING POUCHED. SCRANTON

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